State of North Carolina

MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, thousands of brave North Carolinians have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America either on active duty, reserve or the NC National Guard, in places like Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world; and

WHEREAS, more than forty percent of these Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, NC National Guardsmen, reservists and Coast Guardsmen have left families with children behind; and
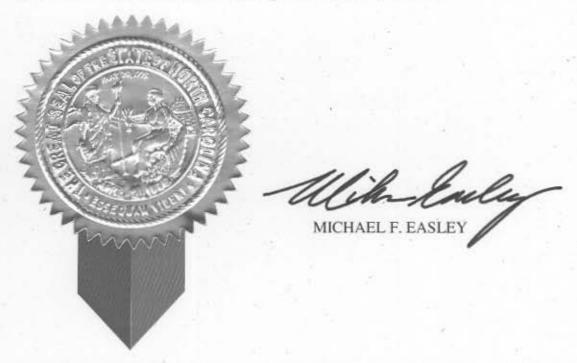
WHEREAS, more than one million of America's children have at least one parent currently serving on active military duty; and

WHEREAS, these children are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they're taking care of us, we're taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of a Month of the Military Child will allow us to pay tribute to military children for their commitment, their struggles and their unconditional support of our troops; and

WHEREAS, a month-long salute to military children will encourage support for organizations and campaigns established to provide direct support to military children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2008, as **"THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD"** in North Carolina, and I urge all of our citizens, business and government leaders to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor, support and thank military children.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.